

Investigator In King Probe Charged With DWI In Crash

An investigator for a congressional committee probing the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. yesterday was charged with driving while intoxicated after striking a vehicle in tow on Interstate 240 near Getwell, police said.

Capt. W. W. Marlar, command duty officer, said Jeremy Ray Akers, 35, a committee staff attorney from Washington, was arrested at 3:40 a.m. yesterday at I-240 and Getwell by Patrolman B. R. Love.

Federal investigators have been conducting a low-key investigation in the slain civil right leader's death since arriving in Memphis more than two months ago.

In his arrest report, Love said when he arrived at the scene Akers was very excited and appeared unsteady on his feet. The officer also said he could smell alco-

hol on the attorney's breath.

Witnesses told police Akers's car struck another car being towed by a wrecker eastbound on the interstate.

Marlar said a passenger in Akers's car, Susanne Norris, 33, of 855 Yates, was taken to Baptist Hospital where she was treated for a broken arm and cuts. She was listed in good condition last night.

Akers was taken to City of Memphis Hospital for treatment after complaining about bruises. He refused to take an intoximeter test, police said.

He was also charged with failure to maintain control and public drunkenness.

Police said a hearing on the charges is scheduled at 6 p.m. tomorrow in City Court Division 8. Marlar said Akers was released on \$50 bond yesterday.